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Re: Appeal No. DOJ-AP-2019-002874
Request No. 1421629
MWH:JNW

VIA: Email

Dear Emma Best:

You appealed from the action of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on your Freedom of Information Act request for access to records concerning the 1970 suspension of the Commander of the Coast Guard Cutter Vigilant. I note that your appeal concerns the adequacy of the FBI's search for responsive records.

After carefully considering your appeal, I am affirming the FBI's action on your request. The FBI informed you that it could locate no responsive main file records subject to the FOIA in its files. Please be advised that the FBI searched its automated indices and manual indices for the subject of your request. I have determined that the FBI's action was correct and that it conducted an adequate, reasonable search for such records. To the extent that you have additional information pertaining to the subject of the request, please submit that information directly to the FBI.

Please be advised that this Office's decision was made only after a full review of this matter. Your appeal was assigned to an attorney with this Office who thoroughly reviewed and analyzed your appeal, your underlying request, and the action of the FBI in response to your request.

If you are dissatisfied with my action on your appeal, the FOIA permits you to file a lawsuit in federal district court in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B).

For your information, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road,

College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; email at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769. If you have any questions regarding the action this Office has taken on your appeal, you may contact this Office's FOIA Public Liaison for your appeal. Specifically, you may speak with the undersigned agency official by calling (202) 514-3642.

Sincerely,

8/27/2019

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Matthew Hurd, Associate Chief, for
Sean O'Neill, Chief, Administrative Appeals ...
Signed by: MATTHEW HURD